

SENATE FOR WAR: HOUSE DEBATES IT

Unarmed American Steamer Is Sent Down

PAIR BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS SUNK, REPORT

One Is Torpedoed Without Warning by Submarine—Other Victim of Mine.

BOATS ARE SHELLED

Five Wounded by U Boat Fire—Six Hospital Vessels Lost in War.

Washington, April 5.—Sinking without warning of the unarmed American steamer *Missourian*, which left Genoa April 4 with 32 Americans among her crew of 53, was reported today by Consul General Wilbur at Genoa. The crew was saved.

The American steamship *Missourian*, owned by the American-Belgian steamship line, left Genoa March 6 for Italian ports. The ship was captured and carried on by the enemy. She was commanded by Captain William Lyons and carried a crew of 53 men of whom 32 were American citizens, according to dispatches received.

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Ask Billions for Army and Navy at Once

Washington, April 5.—House of Representatives today passed a bill authorizing the president to borrow \$1,000,000,000 for the army and navy.

Provision is made for increasing the authorized amount of the loan to \$1,500,000,000 if the president deems it necessary.

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TWO MILLION MEN IS ARMY PLAN UP NOW

Final Study Is Given Bill Providing Vast Number in Two Years.

NAIL MANUFACTURERS

Government Forces Plants To Take Jobs at Set Price—Cuts Profit.

Washington, April 5.—President Wilson today gave final study to the bill under which the war department plans to give compulsory military training to probably two million men within two years, and the measure may go to the house and senate military committees today. The war resolution is disposed of in the house. Details of the bill will be made public later.

The government had announced today that it will deal sharply with manufacturers who try to make excessive profits from war supplies.

The war department exercised for the first time the authority given by the last fiscal appropriation act to order naval supplies at a price fixed by the government.

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Deny Teuton Peace Rumor Is Authentic

Amsterdam, (via London, April 5, 7 a. m.)—A Berlin dispatch to the Koenigliche Zeitung says that the rumors of a new peace offer by the central powers which have arisen following the meeting of Emperor William and Kaiser Charles and Count Czernin's statement are incorrect.

The dispatch says, however, that the principle, repeatedly officially stated, of the readiness of the central powers to enter negotiations for an honorable peace, is unchanged.

SEVERAL DIE, SCORES HURT IN EXPLOSION

Chicago Restaurant Wrecked by Blast—Six Dead and Sixty Injured.

Chicago, April 5.—Six or seven persons were killed and 60 or more injured today according to police estimates, in an explosion which wrecked a hotel building on Halsted street near Lake street while a restaurant on the first floor was crowded with its patrons.

At 12:45 a. m. a blast occurred in the rear of the building and the condition of many of them was reported.

At the hospital it was said that practically all of the injuries sustained were severe, as well as cuts and fractures.

NEWS THIEVES ARE TARGET OF BILL UP

St. Paul, Minn., April 5.—A bill to protect newspapers and press associations from news thieves was introduced in the senate today by Senator Cummings of Arizona. It proposes that anyone who shall knowingly take from a newspaper company any information from any news dispatch addressed to a newspaper and send it to another newspaper shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$1,000.

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WORLD FACES SHORTAGE IN FOOD SUPPLY

Mobilization of American Agricultural Resources Urged of Wilson.

WORSE THAN FIGURED

Grain on Hand Estimated at 130,000,000 Bushels Less Than Normal.

Rome, via Paris, April 5.—The world's food crop is deficient and the situation is becoming alarming, according to David Lubin, American representative to the international institute of agriculture. Mr. Lubin is here to report the facts to President Wilson through Ambassador Poincaré, and is urging the imperative necessity of a mobilization of American agricultural resources.

To a correspondent of the Associated Press Mr. Lubin said:

"For the first time in many years there exists a deficit in the supply of grain, wheat, rice, barley and oats, estimated at a total of 130,000,000 bushels less than the normal requirements for countries open to trade. The situation is worse than was expected last October. The institute's reports indicated a surplus of more than enough to feed the world until August of this year, when the new crop began to come in."

"We must profit by Europe's experience before our situation becomes necessary. We can avoid high prices by the elimination of waste by the growing of more food and also by effective organization of our food supply, which is more important than getting more into the army."

BILLS THAT FAILED AGAIN UP TO SENATE

Washington, April 5.—Four appropriation bills which the senate failed to pass at the last session are again in the hands of the house, having been re-passed yesterday by the house in the same form as passed at the last session. They were: Army \$240,000,000; navy \$155,250,000; general deficiency \$52,582,000; and military academy \$1,549,000.

CENTER OF GRAVITY SHIFTS TO RUSSIA?

Amsterdam, April 5.—D. H. Rowland, editor of the *Washington Post*, in an article in the *Washington Post* today says that the world's center of gravity has shifted from the west to the east and it is not America who will decide the issue of the war, but Russia.

HOUSE DEBATE ON WAR MOVE BARES MORE KAISER'S PLOT

Miller of Minnesota Springs Sensation—Lansing Says It's Bosh.

Washington, April 5.—Representative Miller of Minnesota, republican member of the foreign affairs committee, sprung a sensation during discussion of the war resolution in the house today by declaring that an unpublished paragraph of the Zimmerman note offered to establish a submarine base in a Mexican port, supply Mexico with unlimited quantities of arms and ammunition and send German reservists in the United States to Mexico.

Representative Miller further said he understood three German submarines had landed on the western coast of Mexico and that Villa was surrounded by German officers who had taken charge of the drilling of his men. Reliable information also was that the Carranza army was "not much better."

It has been understood, but never officially announced, that the full text of the Zimmerman instructions to German Minister Von Eckhardt was not published with the main portion, which revealed the attempt to ally Mexico and Japan in war against the United States. Members of the foreign affairs

Wilson Gets Praise from France Head

Paris, April 5.—President Poincaré of France, has sent forward the following cablegram to President Wilson:

"At the moment when, under the generous inspiration of yourself, the great American republic, faithful to its ideals and its traditions, is coming forward to defend with the force of arms the cause of justice and of liberty, the people of France are filled with the deepest feelings of brotherly affection."

"Permit me again to confer to you, Mr. President, in this solemn and grave hour, an assurance of the same sentiments of which I recently gave you evidence, sentiments which, under the present circumstances, have grown in depth and warmth."

"I am confident that I voice the thought of all France in expressing to you and to the American nation the joy and pride which we feel today for our hearts once again beat in unison with yours."

"This war would not have reached its final import had not the United States stepped in. To every impartial spirit it will be apparent, in the future more than ever in the past, that German imperialism, which desired, prepared and declared this war, had conceived the mad dream of establishing its hegemony throughout the world. It has succeeded only in bringing about a revolt of the conscience of humanity."

"In order to be forgotten language you have made yourself before the universe, the eloquent interpreter of outraged laws and a menaced civilization."

"Honor to you, Mr. President, and to your noble country."

(Signed) "RAYMOND POINCARÉ."

FORM OF WAR TAX NOT YET DECIDED

Treasury Expected to Try to Raise \$2,000,000,000 by One Bond Issue—See No Difficulty.

Washington, April 5.—Formation of tax measures for the war has not reached a definite stage, but there are indications that the treasury will endeavor to raise by one bond issue as much as the \$2,000,000,000 asked today as it cannot be obtained by new and increased taxation.

Official estimates to federal reserve board officials indicate there would be no great difficulty in raising \$2,000,000,000 at once by a bond issue at the present rate of interest.

The bank now in session here discussed the contemplated issue today and the interest rate. Through present internal revenue taxes the government will obtain approximately \$750,000,000 this year.

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GRANDMOTHER OF RUSS REVOLT IN APPEAL FOR POOR

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FINAL ACTION BEING TAKEN IN CONGRESS

Resolution Passed in Upper Chamber, 82 to 6—Up to Representatives.

COOPER OPENS FIGHT

Opposition Comes From Few—Measure's Passage Expected During Day.

Washington, April 5.—Debate on the war resolution dragged along in the house through the day in such a perfunctory manner that scarcely at any time were the floor or galleries filled.

Its passage a foregone conclusion, the debate was prolonged only by the plan of the administration floor leaders to give every opponent his opportunity to speak.

Passage of the resolution before adjournment tonight was assured with the president's signature, a state of war between the United States and Germany will be a formally accomplished fact.

Washington, April 5.—The senate of the United States last night passed the resolution of the existence of war between the United States and Germany by a vote of 82 to 6. The resolution was taken up in the house this morning, under an agreement to hold a continuous session until it is acted on.

Debate on the war resolution began in the house promptly at 10 o'clock with Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee making the opening statement.

Passage of the resolution, which will complete the action of congress in declaring that a state of war exists between Germany and the United States, is expected before night by a heavy majority comparable with that which attended its passage last night in the senate.

Far to the rear of the hall sat Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, making Republican members of the foreign affairs committee who was expected to lead the opposition. Less than a dozen members, it was predicted, would vote against the war resolution.

Unlimited Debate Begins. Galleries were only half filled when debate began. Under the unanimous consent rule, Representative Flood could move the previous question at any time after one hour of debate. The debate began without limitation.

"War is being made upon our country and its people," Representative Flood said in opening. "Our ships are being sunk. Our non-combatant citizens including men, women and children are being murdered, our merchants are denied the fruits of the seas. There is no choice as to our course. We are compelled by the acts of the German government to enter into this most colossal war."

Time for Argument Over. "The time for argument has passed. The time for heroic action is here and our people will rally to the support of their government in this high and patriotic hour and meet."

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